Oil Palm Plantation in Karnataka

2300. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided scheme to grow oil palm trees in Karnataka is in progress;

(b) if so, the cost of the scheme;

(c) the places where the scheme is under operation;

(d) whether the Government propose to include some more places under the scheme in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAM CHANDRAN) (a). No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

New Oil Development Projects

2301. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new oil refineries sanctioned recently;

(b) the total demand to be met thereby; and

(c) the places where those refineries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR):(a) to (c). Government have approved setting up of a 0.5 Million tonnes per annum crude distillation unit at Narimanam, Tamilnadu and a 3 Million tonnes per annum Oil Refinery at Mangalore.

Lifting of Ban on Sale of Kesari Dal

2302. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a request from the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur, for lifting of ban on sale of Kesari Dal;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering the request;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The matter of lifting of ban on production and sale of Kesari dal has been examined in detail in this Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and ICAR. Looking into all the aspects of the problem, it has not been considered desirable to lift the ban. However, ICAR is making efforts to develop suitable varieties of Lathyrus (Kesari dal) with low Neuro-toxin (BOAA) content.

[*Translation*]

Compensation for Acquisition of Land for Bottling Plant of IOC at Panki, Kanpur

2303. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: